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SUBJECT: SALE OF GUNS

1. REPRESENTATIVE OF OLIN WINCHESTER INTERNATIONAL CALLED ON NEA/IRN SEPTEMBER 11 TO INQUIRE ABOUT COMPANY'S PROPOSAL FOR A COMMERCIAL LICENSE TO SHIP 5 SHORT BARREL SHOTGUNS ("RIOT GUNS") TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEST AND DEMONSTRATION. REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT GENERAL TOUFANIAN HAD TOLD OLIN THAT STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPROVE SALE OF SUCH SHOTGUNS.

2. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT TO TOUFANIAN AND THAT HE SERIOUSLY DOUBTED THAT IT WAS OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR SALE OF RIOT CONTROL GUNS TO IRAN. THEREFORE, WE COULD NOT ENCOURAGE OLIN OR GOI TO PURSUE REQUEST FOR WEAPONS.
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IF THEY CHOSE TO DO SO, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CAREFULLY CONSIDER REQUEST AND GIVE THEM REPLY. BUT BOTH OLIN AND GOI SHOULD KNOW THAT ANY SALE OF RIOT GUNS TO IRAN AT THIS TIME WOULD BE A VERY SENSITIVE DECISION FOR DEPARTMENT.
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